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ABSTRACT

This book presents the results of a survey of graduates of women's studies programs which sought to find out why they majored in women's studies and how the major has affected them, both professionally and personally, since graduation. Chapter 1 provides a demographic overview of the 89 graduates whose experiences are reported. Chapter 2 discusses the varied reactions encountered by the graduates, demonstrating the many misconceptions about women's studies that are held by society at large. Chapters 3 through 6 report the professional and personal experiences of the graduates, grouped by occupation. Chapter 7 draws on the experiences of the graduates to explore how the discipline of women's studies might be improved, and offers advice to prospective women's studies majors. Chapter 8 serves as a conclusion, providing observations on the women's studies major, feminism, and attitudes toward women in academia. (Contains 30 references.) (MDM)

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